

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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buffer portion faces and contacts a fuel passage located at an upstream side with respect to an end face of said armature located on a side of a nozzle opening side.

7. (Amended) A fuel injection valve for opening and closing a needle valve by driving an armature with a solenoid, comprising:

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a buffer portion for damping a change of fuel pressure caused by valve bounce when the needle is closed, said buffer portion being an elastic member disposed at a position at which said buffer portion faces and contacts a fuel passage located at an upstream side with respect to an end face on the nozzle opening side of said armature.
